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1. WEEKEND JAN. 28-29, SEOUL DAILIES GAVE SUBSTANTIAL PLAY

TO OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER YI CH'OL-SUNG'S MEETING WITH
CHRISTOPHER, DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

2. MONDAY PAPERS TRACK DEVELOPMENTS IN PTS CONGRESSIONAL

TESTIMONY CONTROVERSY: AMB. KIM YONG SIK'S DEPARTURE FOR
WASHINGTON, HUNDLEY'S STATEMENT THAT HE ADVISES AND PTS
DESIRSES CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY. AMB. KIM EXPLAINS ROKG
NEGOTIATING POSITION: CLOSED-SESSION TESTIMONY ONLY,
TESTIMONY IN CONGRESS TO PRECEDE THAT IN COURT, AND TESTIMONY
ONLY FOR THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES. ALL PAPERS
STRESS THAT OTHER COMMITTEES, "ESPECIALLY FRASER'S", ARE
IRRELEVANT, AND REITERATE ROKG'S ADAMANT REFUSAL TO DISCUSS
THE TESTIMONY OF ANY CURRENT ROKG OFFICIAL.

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3. KYONGHYANG SINMUN QUOTES HUNDLEY: "I WILL BEGIN
NEGOTIATING WITH THE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND WITH TEH FRASER
COMMITTEE AS SOON AS I GET BACK". HUNDLEY LEFT SEOUL
JANUARY 29.

4. ALL PAPERS QUOTE MICHEL AS SAYING THAT QUESTIONING

WILL BE OVER BY FEBRUARY 1, AND THAT RESULTS OF INTERROGATION REVEAL NO SIGNIFICANT DISCREPANCIES WITH FACTS AS RECITED IN HANNAH INDICTMENT.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED BY DEPARTMENT AS TO CONTENT AND ASSESSMENT OF YI CH'OL-SUNG'S INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTOPHER, AND OTHER OFFICIALS AND CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON.

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